



Town Manager's Message

Welcome to the December 2020 issue of Snapshot of South Windsor! Read on to learn about some exciting events coming up in South Windsor, as well as some highlights of what we have been up to!

To read the full Town Manager's Report for December, [Click Here](#).

Have a healthy and safe holiday season!



Upcoming Events

Human Services (Youth & Family)

- NEW support group for parents: Parenting in a Pandemic. Each week a different topic will be covered: Talking about Coronavirus, Stress versus Trauma, Self-Care, Social Media Use, Scheduling & Routine, and Finding Meaning. Please call 860-648-6361 for more information.
- The Teen Center has re-opened for middle school and high school students. The Teen Center is following the same cohort as the schools, and allowing up to six students at a time. High school students are able to attend on Mondays and Thursdays from 12:30—3:00 pm, while middle school students can attend on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:30—4:00pm. Please call 860-648-6360 for the most current schedule and program information.

Parks & Recreation

- [Click Here](#) for the latest brochure of upcoming programs and events. Updated program publications are posted monthly at <https://southwindsor.recdesk.com/>

In Case You Missed It

Health Department

- SWHD hosted two COVID-19 testing events at Fire Headquarters in partnership with InterCommunity Health, Inc. Between the two events a total of 650 tests were administered. The SWHD was assisted by the Fire Department, Fire Marshal's Office, Department of Public Works, Police Department, and CERT volunteers. There will possibly be more testing events in the future depending on the need in the community and resources available.

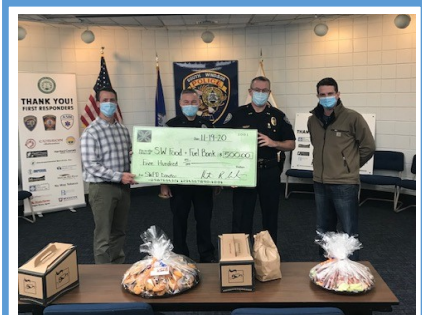
Human Services—Adult & Senior

- Community Support ~ Thank You!

The Jaycees, Lions Club, High School football team, Joe Pizza, Orchard Hill School, Police Department, Chamber of Commerce and countless other groups, businesses, churches, individuals and families donated to the Food and Fuel Bank over the past few months. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive and generous community that helps their neighbors in need, not just during these difficult times, but all year.

Human Services—Youth & Family

- We have absolutely loved doing our monthly drive thru events this Fall. In October we had 150 families register to pick up cider and a pumpkin to carve together. In November, we had 150 drive thru for a donut and a Thanksgiving



craft to create together. We will continue to plan safe and fun events for families that promote the importance of conversation and bonding.

- We had a great time participating in the “Drive Boo” event with Parks & Recreation. We were so thankful to have SW Public Library, Teen Center Youth Council, Intercommunity and UCONN Kids participate with us at the Community Center! It was a full day of handing out candy and getting to see kids dressed up in their costumes.



Police Department

- In the months of October and November, we conducted a “Drug Take Back Day” (spearheaded by Sgt. Elsie Diaz) that netted the safe destruction of almost 600lbs of unwanted narcotics and medications.
- In addition, we partnered with ASM, the Fire Department, and the Rotary Club to host a food drive that resulted in approximately \$12,000 worth of donations (food and money) to benefit local families in need.



Public Works

- Construction on the new accessible ramp at the Town Hall main entrance is underway. Until this is complete, a temporary accessible ramp has been installed, and new accessible parking spaces have been added to the upper lot.
- The lighting replacement project at the Public Library is complete. Not only will this save thousands of dollars in energy costs each year, but the LED upgrades have also made a huge difference to the ambient lighting in the Library. Come take a look!

Parks & Recreation

- Need something to do from home? [Click Here](#) for a list of links to activities, events, virtual tours, and much more!

Reminders

Collector of Revenue

- The second installment of real estate and personal property taxes along with supplemental motor vehicle taxes are due January 1, 2021 and the last day to pay without penalty is Monday, February 1, 2021. Supplemental motor vehicle bills will be mailed the week of December 28, 2020. To encourage social distancing, ACH Fees will be waived for those paying on-line by February 1, 2021.

Human Services

- If you are in need of assistance during COVID-19, we are here to help! [Click here](#) for a list of helpful links and phone numbers, or call us at 860-648-5050.

Police Department

- The Ready.gov webpage has great information pages on preparation for natural disasters, severe weather, and active shooters.

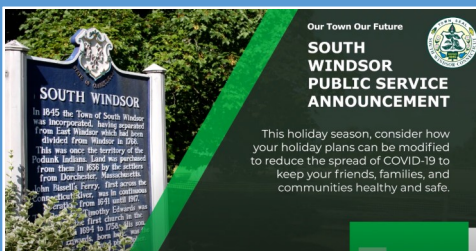
<https://www.ready.gov/>

- Most of Connecticut continues to experience car burglaries and car thefts. Please be sure to **lock your cars**, and do not keep keys or key fobs in the vehicle. As always, we urge citizens to report suspicious activity immediately.

Public Works

- Leaf collection is underway. For more information, please visit the [leaf collection page](#): or call the hotline at 860-648-6371.

- Residents are encouraged to use Connect South Windsor to report hazards. Visit www.southwindsor-ct.gov/connect or download the app for iPhone and Android devices.



Public Service Announcement: COVID and the Holidays

Please enjoy this reminder to keep your holiday celebrations small, masked, and socially distant! <https://youtu.be/eqUneunwtao>

[Click Here](#) to visit the South Windsor COVID-19 Information Page.